

Sermon Series: In the Middle of the Storm (2 of 2)

Sermon Title: Trusting the Goodness of God

Passages: Luke 8:22-25 | Mark 4:35-41 | Matthew 8:23-27

Main Question: Will Jesus Help Me?

Main Point: Our understanding of the goodness of God must be based on His reputation not our situation. Don't let your situation pollute your understanding of God's attributes.

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SERMON NOTES

Last week we talked about this question: ***Can Jesus help me?***

Our main point last week was that: *Jesus is greater than our greatest problem. He can help us.*

Will Jesus help me in my moment of need?

Hope is defined as the: Confident expectation of God to do what he says he will do and be who he says he is; strength in God's faithfulness and his promises.

For Jesus to be reliable He must be Great and Good.

If God is great but not good, He could use his power for evil.

If God is good but not great, He would love but be powerless to help.

How will you respond when you face uncertain and uncontrollable situations?

Mark 4:35

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea."

Matthew 8:23

²³As he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

1. True disciples follow Jesus.

Luke 8:23

²³and as they were sailing he fell asleep. Then a fierce windstorm came down on the lake; they were being swamped and were in danger.

Matthew 8:24

²⁴Suddenly, a violent storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves—but Jesus kept sleeping.

Mark 4:38

³⁸He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion.

2. Jesus is with us in every situation.

Mark 4:38

³⁸So they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher! Don’t you care that we’re going to die?”

The GOODNESS of GOD:

- **God is free from any wickedness or anything evil (Holiness)**
 - **He is holy** - completely set apart from all of creation. He is absolutely pure and good. He is untouched and unstained by evil, sin, or corruption.
 - **He is Righteous** - His actions are always in accordance with his perfection.
 - **He is Just** - He is fair. He doesn’t show partiality. He administers His kingdom with righteousness
- **God can be trusted (Integrity)**
 - **He is genuine.** He is the one “true God.” God is real - not fabricated or constructed. He is what he appears to be.
 - **He tells the truth** - He is not misleading. He is always accurate. He is honest in all situations.
 - **He is faithful**- He always does what is true and holy. He always keeps His promises. He has been and will be faithful for all eternity.
- **He is love (He is actively good - this is how he extends his goodness in various situations)**
 - **He is concerned for the welfare of humans.** God’s love is unselfish. He cares for us. He provides for us. He seeks the good of others.
 - **He is Gracious** - He deals with people based on His goodness not based on what we deserve. He provides salvation for humanity. His good gifts are to be received by humanity.
 - **He is Merciful** - He is compassionate. He hears the cries of humanity. He has empathy for people.
 - **He is Persistent** - He is patient. He is long-suffering. He pursues people.

Mark 4:39

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Silence! Be still!” The wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

3. Jesus is good even when our circumstances are not.

Luke 8:25

²⁵He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were fearful and amazed, asking one another, “Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey him!”

4. Difficult situations will either increase or decrease your faith in Jesus.

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